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Kouji FUNAKI, et al.

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For: **SILICON NITRIDE SINTERED MATERIAL AND PRODUCTION PROCESS THEREOF**

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(B) - FILING DATE GRANTED

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b) - Filing Date Granted," for the above application, Applicants respectfully submit herewith the Declaration for the above identified application properly executed by the inventors.

A check for the statutory fee of \$130.00 is attached. Please also charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

We enclose a copy of the Official Filing Receipt for the above-identified application and request the following corrections:

Under "Applicant(s)," change the residence of Kouji Funaki and Hiroki Watanabe from "Residence Not Provided" to --Gifu, Japan--; and change the residence of Katsura Matsubara and Masaya Ito from "Residence Not Provided" to --Aichi, Japan--.

Verification for the requested corrections is indicated on the original Declaration and Power of Attorney filed herewith.

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Silicon nitride sintered material and production process thereof ✓

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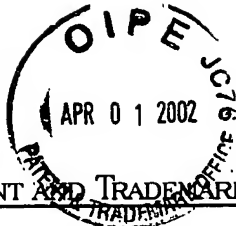
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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
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